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Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly decision 42/450, the members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination are nominated by the Council and elected by the Assembly.

2. The membership of the Committee in 2008 is as follows (the term of office expires on 31 December in the year indicated):[1] Argentina (2008); Armenia (2008); Bangladesh (2010); Belarus (2008); Benin (2008); Brazil (2008); Bulgaria (2008); Central African Republic (2008); China (2010); Comoros (2009); Cuba (2008); France (2009); Haiti (2009); India (2008); Indonesia (2008); Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2008); Israel (2008); Italy (2008); Jamaica (2010); Kenya (2010); Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2010); Niger (2010); Pakistan (2008); Portugal (2008); Republic of Korea (2010); Russian Federation (2009); Senegal (2008); South Africa (2008); Switzerland (2008); Uruguay (2008); Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2009); and Zimbabwe (2009).

3. The General Assembly, at its sixty-third session, will be called upon to elect 20 members, on the nomination of the Economic and Social Council, to fill the vacancies in the Committee that will occur on 31 December 2008 upon the expiration of the terms of office of the following members: Argentina, Armenia, Belarus, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Central African Republic, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Pakistan, Portugal, Senegal, South Africa, Switzerland, Uruguay and one member from Western European and other States (unfilled vacancy).

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[1] There are two vacancies in the Western European and other States for members whose terms of office would begin on the date of election. One term would expire on 31 December 2008 and the other on 31 December 2009.

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4. In accordance with General Assembly decision 42/450, the vacancies are to be filled as follows:

(a) Four members from African States;

(b) Four members from Asian States;

(c) Three members from Eastern European States;

(d) Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Five members from Western European and other States.

5. By its decisions 2008/201 C and 2008/201 E, the Economic and Social Council nominated the following 17 Member States for election by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: Argentina, Armenia, Belarus, Brazil, Central African Republic, Cuba, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Pakistan, Spain, Swaziland, Ukraine and Uruguay.

6. The geographical distribution of the nominated Member States is as follows:

(a) African States (four vacancies): Central African Republic, Guinea, Nigeria and Swaziland;

(b) Asian States (four vacancies): India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan and Pakistan;

(c) Eastern European States (three vacancies): Armenia, Belarus and Ukraine;

(d) Latin American and Caribbean States (four vacancies): Argentina, Brazil, Cuba and Uruguay;

(e) Western European and other States (five vacancies): Italy and Spain.[2]

[2] The Council postponed the nomination of three members from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009 (decision 2008/201 E).